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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

|          | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|----------|--------------|---------------|
|          | 10/25/03     | 10/18/03      |
| BRO-FRY  | 160,301      | 164,678       |
| LT HENS  | 1,239        | 1,268         |
| HVY HENS | 1,431        | 1,425         |

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

|                       | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL  |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD                  | 92         | 0          | 92     |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS |            |            |        |
| LAST WEEK             | 141        | 0          | 141    |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO      | 294        | 0          | 294    |
| TO-DATE/2003          | 9,720      | 137        | 9,857  |
| TO-DATE/2002          | 13,012     | 258        | 13,270 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

|                       | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HEAD                  | 1,256      | 1,378      | 2,634   |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS |            |            |         |
| LAST WEEK             | 1,404      | 1,443      | 2,847   |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO      | 2,116      | 1,603      | 3,719   |
| TO-DATE/2003          | 71,200     | 59,060     | 130,260 |
| TO-DATE/2002          | 86,831     | 59,481     | 146,312 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

|                       | YOUNG<br>CHICKENS | LIGHT<br>HENS | HEAVY<br>HENS | TOTAL<br>HENS |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEAD                  | 157,115           | 1,164         | 1,378         | 2,542         |
| AVG WT                | 5.26              | 3.42          | 8.40          | 6.12          |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS |                   |               |               |               |
| LAST WEEK             | 156,092           | 1,263         | 1,443         | 2,706         |
| SAME WK YR AGO        | 155,053           | 1,822         | 1,603         | 3,425         |
| AVG WT                | 5.05              | 3.30          | 7.90          | 5.45          |
| TO-DATE/2003          | 6,454,731         | 61,480        | 58,923        | 120,403       |
| TO-DATE/2002          | 6,530,121         | 73,819        | 59,223        | 133,042       |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 0.9 million head less than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-03**

|                            |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| (A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE | (B) RETAIL    | (C) DEBONING  |
| 4.20 LBS & DOWN            | 4.21-5.25 LBS | 5.26 LBS & UP |
| -----THOUSANDS-----        |               |               |

|                      |           |         |           |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Head                 | 16,750    | 18,866  | 33,600    |
| Avg Weight           | 3.79      | 4.80    | 6.24      |
| % of total /1        | 24%       | 27%     | 49%       |
| COMPARISONS          |           |         |           |
| Last week            | 17,670    | 18,235  | 35,284    |
| Avg Weight           | 3.81      | 4.73    | 6.50      |
| % of total /1        | 25%       | 26%     | 50%       |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 15,964    | 18,164  | 23,878    |
| Avg Weight           | 3.37      | 4.60    | 5.90      |
| % of total /1        | 28%       | 31%     | 41%       |
| To date/2003         | 944,089   | 964,499 | 1,815,884 |
| To date/2002         | 1,052,063 | 902,533 | 1,671,989 |

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING  
/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.  
(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.  
(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-03  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

|                       | YOUNG (B)<br>HENS | TOMS    | YOUNG<br>BREEDERS | OLD<br>BREEDERS | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| HEAD                  | 1,876             | 2,896   | 51                | 0               | 4,823   |
| AVG WT                | 15.87             | 34.78   | 24.92             | 0.00            | 27.32   |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS |                   |         |                   |                 |         |
| LAST WEEK             | 1,848             | 2,869   | 88                | 10              | 4,815   |
| SAME WK YR AGO        | 1,597             | 2,969   | 70                | 25              | 4,661   |
| AVG WT                | 15.36             | 34.95   | 24.62             | 29.63           | 28.05   |
| TO-DATE/2003          | 78,326            | 114,276 | 2,628             | 563             | 195,793 |
| TO-DATE/2002          | 77,002            | 115,016 | 2,246             | 384             | 194,648 |

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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